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The amendment filed on 10-4-04 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, June 30, 2003). In order for the amendment to be compliant, correction of the following is required. **Only the section (1.121 (h)) of the amendment containing the omission of non-compliant provision must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g. the entire "Claim listing" section of applicant's amendment must be re-submitted.**

The following item causes the amendment to be non-compliant:

- Applicant has not deleted the text of the claim which has been canceled, i.e. the text of a claim must not be presented.

Since the non-compliant amendment is a reply to a NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION, and since the amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135 (c)), applicant is given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH** for the mailing date of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Veronica F. Faison whose telephone number is 571-272-1366. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and alternate Fridays 8 am to 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Bell can be reached on 571-272-1362. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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